

Amendments to Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. (previously presented) A retraction device for gynecological or perineal surgery on a patient comprising:

a one-piece frame hinged on a handle and slidably attached to a support element, the hinge allowing adjustment of the position of the handle with respect to the frame, the frame and handle requiring no assembly during the surgical procedure, the frame including a track extending along the length of the frame; and at least one retractor slidably mountable in multiple positions along the length of the track by a jig that does not contact the patient.

2. (original) A retraction device according to claim 1 further comprising:
a ratchet mechanism for hinging the frame to the handle.

3. (previously presented) A retraction device according to claim 1 further comprising:
a retractor having means for holding a second blade thereby protruding farther into the surgical field.

4 – 8. (canceled)

9. (original) A retraction device according to claim 1, wherein the track jig includes a groove for slidably mounting the jig to the track.

10. (canceled)

11. (canceled)

12. (previously presented) A retraction device according to claim 1, wherein the support element is a flat sheet for retaining the device in a position by the weight of the patient.

13. (withdrawn) A retraction device according to claim 1, wherein the support element is a bar for attaching to an operating table.

14 - 47. (canceled)

48. (previously presented) A surgical retraction device comprising a frame with a handle and

(a) one or more retractors having a blade; and

(b) lengthwise positioning means for positioning retractors along the length of a frame; and
(c) adjustable support means for positioning and supporting the frame adjacent to a patient; and
(d) hinging means for adjusting the angle of the frame relative to the handle; and
(e) widening means for adjusting the angle of a retractor relative to the frame thereby widening the surgical field;

wherein at least one retractor includes an extension means for holding a second blade thereby increasing the effective length of the retractor and the depth of the surgical field.